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RIO TWENTYSECOND

1. THE MILITARY TRIAL OF THE NINE CHICOM CITIZENS HERE
OSTENSIBLY AS MEMBERS OF A TRADE MISSION AND NINE BRAZILIAN
CITIZENS ACCUSED OF VIOLATING THE NATIONAL SECURITY LAW
(ESPIONAGE AND SUBVERSION) ENDED AT 6:15 A.M. DECEMBER 22
AFTER 16 HOURS OF CONTINUOUS SESSION. OF THE EIGHTEEN ACCUSED,
THE NINE CHINESE AND THREE BRAZILIANS (EXILED EX-FEDERAL
DEPUTY ADAO PEREIRA NUNES, AMARILIO VASCONCELOS, AND FORMER
SECRETARY OF CHINESE-BRAZILIAN CULTURAL SOCIETY RAQUEL COSSOY)
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WERE SENTENCED TO TEN YEARS IMPRISONMENT WHILE REMAINING SIX
BRAZILIANS WERE EXONERATED.

2. PROSECUTION EVIDENCE LARGELY RESTED UPON LETTER ADDRESSED
TO ONE OF THE CHINESE CONTAINING INCRIMINATING INSTRUCTIONS.
PROSECUTION ALSO ALLEGED THEY HAD DONE NO TRADE MISSION WORK
DURING THEIR STAY IN BRAZIL. DEFENSE ATTORNEY SOBRAL PINTO
CALLED THE TRIAL A FARCE AND CHALLENGED THE PROSECUTION TO SHOW
"WITH PRECISION" WHAT SECRETS WERE OBTAINED BY THE CHINESE.

3. TRIAL WAS ATTENDED BY SEVERAL INTERNATIONAL OBSERVERS
INCLUDING ONE GERMAINE SENECHAL OF THE APPEALS COURT OF PARIS
AND FUAD TOUM FROM ARGENTINA REPRESENTING INTERNATIONAL LAWYERS
GROUP.

4. AFTERNOON PRESS REPORTS CONVICTIONS WILL BE APPEALED
AND GIVES IMPRESSION PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO MAY RESCIND
SENTENCES AND SUBSTITUTE IMMEDIATE DEPORTATION UNDER PROVISIONS
OF ARTICLESEE OF NATIONAL SECURITY LAW.

5. MOST RIO NEWSPAPERS GIVING CASE STRAIGHT NEWS TREATMENT,
EXCEPTIONS BEING LEFTIST ULTIMA HORA AND OPPOSITION CORREIO

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-2-1326, December 22, From Rio-de-Janeiro
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DA MANHA WHICH PORTRAY TRIAL AS FARCE. CORREIO IN EDITORIAL
TODAY RIDICULED TRIAL AS "POLITICAL NECESSITY" SAYING
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CONVICTION REQUIRED "TO JUSTIFY INSTITUTIONAL ACT" AND CONCLUDED:
"EXISTENCE OF GIGANTIC CONSPIRACY, FOMENTED OF FINANCED FROM
ABROAD, WAS ALLEGED. BUT THAT DANGEROUS CONSPIRACY WAS OVERTHROWN
IN TWENTY-FOUR HOURS'S TIME WITHOUT RESISTENCE, WITHOUT SHOT
BEING FIRED AND WITHOUT DROP OF BLOOD...SOMETHING HAS HAPPENED
IN BRAZIL THAT NEVER HAPPENED BEFORE...WE FEEL SHAME AS IF THE
SHAME WERE OURS; BUT IT IS NOT OURS. WE CANNOT AGREE WITH
PRESIDENT CASTELLO BRANCO'S WORDS RECENTLY SPOKEN IN THE
GUANABARA STZTE ASSEMBLY. NO. BRAZILIAN PEOPLE DO NOT DESERVE
GOVERNMENT LIKE THIS." MEIN
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